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Weyham Terrace Altona Dec 22/65
 J. G. Clemens Esq
 Puddington
 N. H.

Dr Sir

When my return home from
 your of 1st inst.

I am sorry that there should be
 any occasion of apprehension to prevent your
 coming North to see after your interests here,
 and hope that Christmas may pass so quietly
 as to allow a speedy departure.

To the home I have
 not been able to give any attention. When in
 Washington last winter had a consultation with
 your friends J. Taylor and S. Crawford, and having
 determined by their advice left it with Mr. C,
 to leave the farm, Mr. Towing remaining at the
 old rent. In the Spring Mr. C wrote me that he
 was unable to get an agreeable neighbor to
 take it, and rather than have a disagreeable
 one would take it himself, to which I gladly
 assented, knowing him to be a friend of yours - a
 correspondent of your family - did not think
 it necessary therefore to look after him, particularly
 as he was so near Mr. Taylor.

The season for farm work is over - before
anything detrimental can be done you will
see him yourself.

I will have notice given
Mr. Truitt at once.

That your sister has been
making improper use of my mother's name
there can be no doubt. Ma denies having any
conversation with her about the matter that she
remembers. Knowing that she has exercised
caution in what she told Elizabeth for some
time past, I do not think it at all probable
she would have any conversation about the
matter she could evade - the attempted evasion
may have been to Eliz the evidence of the fact.

Why she should give publicity to the fact
no matter how obtained I cannot tell
except from malice - if from it, it will be
rather difficult "to put a stop to her talk"
as an effort is most likely to increase it.

Unless you have been guilty of some heinous
offence, I do not think it at all probable
that anything she may have said will
do anyone as much injury as herself.

Ma and Anna send kind remembrances,
myself and family.

Yours truly
J. C. Parker